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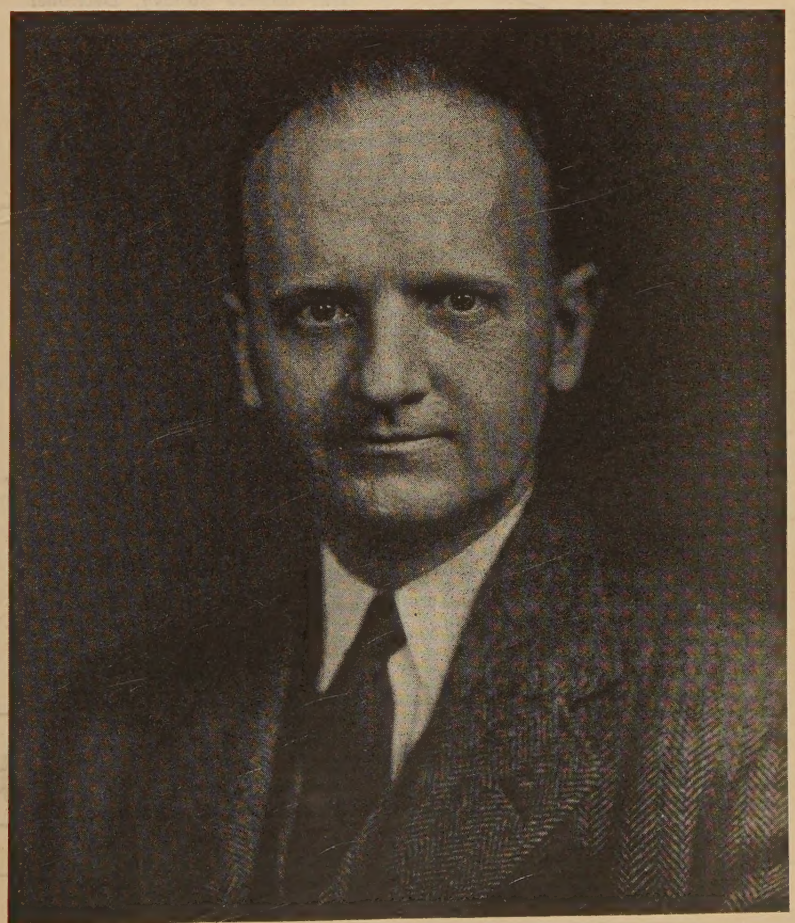

DR. EDWARD HUGHES PRUDEN

"Thank God whatever happens"—page 19

THE COLORADO WOMAN'S COLLEGE, DENVER, had Dr. R. S. Beal of the First church, Tucson, Ariz., for a revival campaign in October.

THE FIRST CHURCH, OMAHA, NEBR., celebrated the silver wedding anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. A. J. Harms in September. The Baptist church at Glascow, Mont., celebrated the 25th anniversary of the wedding of their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Widen in August.

THE THIRD CHURCH, ST. LOUIS, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor, has completed and dedicated its new $500,000 educational building.

DR. JOHN W. DECKER, FOREIGN SECRETRY OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY, has resigned in order to become one of the two secretaries of the International Missionary Council.

THE ARMY CHAPLAIN SCHOOL HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED from Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, to Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

WHEN REV. WILLIAM WALSH, ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN, serving with the A.E.F. in Greenland, celebrated mass recently it was the first mass to be said in Greenland in over 400 years.

Most Northern Baptist Churches will observe Sunday, December 6, as a "Sunday of Sacrifice."

SACRIFICES are willingly and cheerfully made when there is real devotion to the cause for which we make them.

If we are truly devoted to the Christian cause and to the Christian relief program of our denomination, we should find genuine satisfaction in sacrificing comforts and luxuries to support our World Emergency Fund.

Let us make December 6 a significant day in Baptist history —a day when we show the measure of our devotion by our response to the appeal of a stricken world.

Make contributions through your own local church or send them direct to World Emergency Fund, 152 Madison Ave., New York City

Northern Baptist Convention

DEATHS

Dr. John Newton Lackey, Hartfor Conn., pastor of the Central Church f 31 years and formerly president of t American Baptist Foreign Mission S ciety. . . . Lieut. Clifford D. Wallac grandson of Dr. O. C. S. Wallace, membe of the Royal Canadian Volunteer R serves, who gave his life in the Command raid on Dieppe. . . . Dr. S. J. Arthur, 8 Erie, Pa., pastor and convention worke for years. . . . Dr. Guy Livingston Brow Wichita, Kansas, pastor emeritus of t First church of Wichita. . . . Dr. Charl W. Brinstad, 78, San Francisco, formerl executive secretary of Nebraska and f 26 years executive secretary for Norther California convention from 1906 to 193 during which time the Baptists in t state grew from 11,392 to 28,395. . . .

Also Dr. C. W. Stalker, Lewisto Idaho, member Idaho State Board. . . Dr. T. Teifion Richards, 65, for 33 yea pastor of the First Welsh church, Scra ton, Pa. . . . the following four me were executed by the German Gestapo f the assassination of the German ruler Bohemia-Moravia, Orthodox Bishop Go azad, Elder Jan Conneveld, Dr. Vlademi Petrek, a chaplain, and Vaclav Cikel, minister. . . . Rev. J. V. Fredenburg, 7 South Cayuga, Ontario, Canada, wh served as a minister for 50 years. . . .

And Dr. Charles Melvin Phillips, 7 Danville, Ill., Mrs. Anna F. Hill, wife President Emeritus Claiborne M. Hill Berkeley Divinity School, Berkeley, Cali . . . "Blessed are those who die in t Lord, they rest from their labors b their works do follow them."

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EDITORIAL . . . . . .
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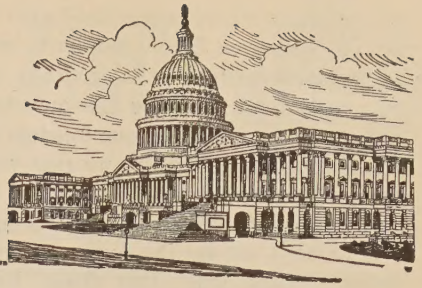

Juvenile Delinquency

Crime among juvenile boys is on the increase throughout the nation. A warning that this could be expected was given some months ago by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. "Too much money" is given as the main reason for this increase in crime. And now comes Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt after a tour of the country stating that illegitimacy among girls thirteen to fifteen years is on the increase. Mrs. Roosevelt gives as the reason the disruption of home life. She advocates proper recreational activities as a fundamental remedy. Wars are fought and won at a terrible price. We paid a heavy price in lowered moral standards as a result of the last war. That price was nothing compared with the one we are going to pay for this one. And what are the churches doing about it? By and large they have turned the entire problem over to the government. They are too busy raising money and oiling machinery to really face issues that mean life or death to our nation—even if we win a war. The collapse of initiative in this crisis will be a favorite subject for the historians. The masses of the people are looking at the churches out of the corner of one eye. They are disillusioned. Religious leadership is not giving them any hope. The impact of organized religion at the present time on the great issues is so slight that no one feels it. This problem of morals is only one of the many problems. Perhaps organized religion as we now know it will pass because of its puny approach in a time of crisis. This passing may be a good thing. Immediate initiation of a "second front" on the part of religion in the United States is absolutely necessary if a wholesale walk out on the part of the masses is to be prevented.

Who Said Justice For All?

For a long time an effort has been made to end poll tax discrimination. This effort has been bitterly fought by certain political groups. The current effort in Congress to wipe out this discrimination is being bitterly fought by the same group. It is reported that this group is prepared to "filibuster" the bill to death. And these senators and representatives are the ones who have been going up and down the land crying for the Four Freedoms. We have said, and we say again, that those who are not willing to follow the Four Freedoms to their logical conclusion should stop talking about them. These individuals and groups do not mean what they say. Why is not the Negro entitled to vote in a primary, or any other election. Negroes are citizens of this country. If we understand the Bill of Rights a man has right to exercise his citizenship and franchise regardless of color. What kind of justice is it that denies a citizen the right to exercise the ballot franchise? What kind of a citizen is it that would deny that right? Negroes will get the right to vote in spite of filibusters, or anything else. Some people think Negroes will have a special place assigned to them in Heaven. They simply cannot visualize a Heaven where God reigns in justice over all without discrimination. God who loves a man regardless of color, will see to it that a man is allowed to exercise the right of citizenship here on this earth. Justice is on the march and Justice will triumph.

When the War Ends

When the war ends—and we assume it is going to end successfully for the united nations and that they will be the directing forces in the framing of the peace terms and in the shaping of policies which will guide the world through long succeeding years—there will come the difficult period of reconstruction. That this will be a difficult period, one which probably will last for a number of years and that it will entail hardships on many people equal in some ways to those of the war itself, there is little doubt. Considering the unparalleled magnitude and the widespread character of the losses sustained by nations and people all over the world as a result of the war, it is inevitable that the period of reconstruction will present problems of an economic, social and political character which will call for the best minds and for the most careful handling if another world holocaust is to be avoided in the reasonably near future. Thought and study already is being given in many quarters, governmental and private, to these reconstruction problems. It is well that this is so, because the greater the preparation to meet these issues, the easier will be their final solution and the establishment of political and economic conditions which will make for a just and lasting peace. Christian leaders are taking some part in the study of these post-war problems. It is most important that they take as great a part as possible in order that the principles of Christianity, the golden rule of righteousness and justice, be impressed as deeply as can be on the leaders in all groups and nations and on all the decisions which are made by them as to the plans to be adopted in the rebuilding of our world after the war. Views and opinions are being gathered as to what sort of a world there should be after the war. These views differ widely in many instances, and it will require much more study and careful analysis to arrive at anything like a comprehensive idea of how the post-war problem should be solved. It is believed by many that the "Atlantic Charter," drawn up by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill at their famous mid-Atlantic ocean meeting last year, will offer a broad foundation on which to build for the future. This expresses a belief in "the fullest collaboration between

all nations in the economic field with the object of securing, for all, improved labor standards, economic advancement and social security." It is generally admitted among those who have been studying the question that this principle, along with those of religious freedom and political equality, must be incorporated in any post-war reconstruction program which is to succeed. In one of the studies now being made into this question by the Foreign Policy Association, it is pointed out by the author, a member of the association's research staff, that Great Britain, as well as the United States, "is now looking toward a peace in which the political framework will be fitted to the needs of a new economic order." The writer adds that "if this goal is to be reached, many problems must still be faced in Britain, not least the conflict between the desire for order and the desire for freedom," and he goes on to assert that "it is clear that no plan for a new international organization is going to be achieved in a vacuum: it will have to be carried out by nations with the will and power to put it into effect and to make it work."

Our Great Opportunity

"It would be a terrible thing if Northern Baptists did not have a World Emergency Fund this year." Dr. Joseph C. Robbins made this statement at a conference of Convocation team-members assembled in New York City about a month ago. Now just what did the president of our Northern Baptist Convention mean by this remark?

In the first place, he apparently meant that Northern Baptists ought to feel ashamed of themselves if they do not feel the world's need enough to give a little money to relieve the vast amount of suffering. As followers of the Great Physician we simply must take care of those wounded on the world's Jericho Roads.

Dr. Robbins must have meant *in the second place,* that because we do *care,* and because we do want to help, the World Emergency Fund gives every Baptist a wonderful medium through which to render the maximum service for the money invested.

Third, he certainly meant that a million and a half Northern Baptists are not making unwarranted sacrifice by giving only $600,000 to a fund which includes general world relief, Christian ministry to service men, world needs across the seas, emergency needs of aged ministers and missionaries, and wartime emergencies in our schools and colleges. Figure it out for yourselves. Are we really giving as much as we should?

In the fourth place, our President wanted to make us realize that part of the extra money being made by Baptist workers should, by all rights of Christian stewardship, go into the World Emergency Fund. Many of our members are willing to give their lives on the battle fronts of the world fighting for the principles which we all hold dear. Those of us who remain at home have a sacred duty to perform; we must support these, our brothers, with a Christian ministry in army and, it may be, prison camps.

Five, we know that the M & M Board is close to Dr. Robbins' heart and he would have us support the World Emergency Fund generously for the sake of our aged ministers.

Because, *in the sixth place,* he is associated with a Baptist theological institution, President Robbins is anxio for us to help those other schools and colleges of t Northern Baptist Convention which are facing seve financial difficulties.

And, in the last place, since we know that form Foreign Missions Secretary Joseph C. Robbins cann stray far from the missionary cause, we are sure that would deem it terrible if Northern Baptists did not go f out of their way to render extra relief service to our mi sionary servants in this time of crisis.

"We give because we cannot be Christians at a tim like this and not enter sacrificially into the sufferings o others. . . . We give because as children of a living Go we must give. For while we can give without loving, w we cannot love without giving." Here Dr. Robbins sum up the whole matter of giving to the World Emergenc Fund. We give to it because we simply must, as Chris tians. We give because we have been trained, throug Christ, to love and to put our love into action by mean of a World Emergency Fund of the Northern Baptis Convention.

The Sunday School Board

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptis Convention stands at the top among all denomination in the response to its educational and missionary program This fact is acknowledged freely by all who are acquainte with the facts and who are not blinded by prejudice. I one form or another the plans advanced by the Sunda School Board are adopted by other denominations soone or later—adjusted to meet the needs of particular de nominations. The educational program of the Board i Baptist centered. That does not mean that it is no world centered. Contrary to the thinking of many th Sunday School Board's program emphasizes and encour ages participation in all interests of the Kingdom of Go and looks with favor upon the interests of all group naming the name of Christ. But the Board insists tha since it is Baptist that its first loyalty is to Baptists. A the head of all the work of the Board is Dr. T. L. Hol comb, executive secretary. Dr. Holcomb is one of th most approachable and likable men among Baptists. Hi spirit of evangelism finds its way into all the work of th Board. Last month the Sunday School Administratio Department held a Clinic in Nashville. Fifty churche participated. A hundred or more men and women wer given special invitations to attend at the expense of th Board. These workers were put through an intensiv program of Sunday School Enlargement—a demonstratio of how to do the work in their local churches. More tha 200 training classes were conducted with an enrollmen of 2000. A census of the city was taken. Hundreds o new classes were organized and hundreds of new officer and teachers installed. This sort of thing is being don constantly throughout the Southern Baptist Convention In September the Training Union Department conducte a city-wide school in Washington, D. C. More than 50 were enrolled. This work is not confined to city churches One of the reasons that Southern Baptists are not losin the rural churches to the ultra-emotional groups is be cause of this type of work. Another result is that o increased giving and the emphasis the Board prograr gives to Stewardship.

WORLD EMERGENCY FUND
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A Ministering Church in a Stricken World

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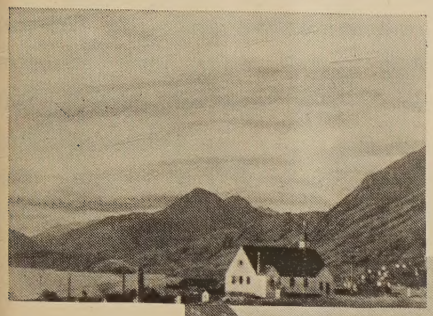


OUR SMALL WHITE CHURCH IN KODIAK HAS A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE MEN WHO GUARD ALASKA'S RUGGED COASTS

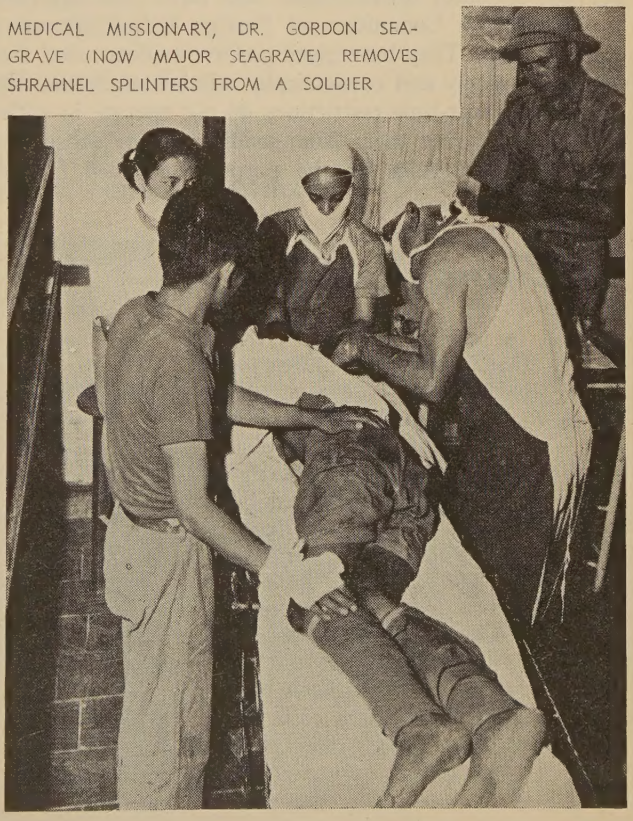
The Church Behind the Service Man

OUR World Emergency Fund for 1942-43, which was unanimously voted by the Northern Baptist Convention at Cleveland, calls for the sum of $600,000 to be raised for emergency needs. Out of this total, $150,000 will be used for carrying on a "Christian Ministry to Service Men and Defense Workers." Large training camps or defense industry plants have been established all over the country—many of them in rural areas served by small town and village churches. Numbers of such small Baptist churches are struggling valiantly to take care of the influx and to provide wholesome recreational programs. In many cases their resources are inadequate and they must seek help from the denomination. Such help is being provided through the World Emergency Fund. In addition, special workers are being sent out, and chaplains assisted with supplies of inspirational literature.

Emergencies on Our Foreign Mission Fields

STORIES of heroism were written on our foreign mission fields this past year, as missionaries gave themselves unstintingly to help their Burmese and Chinese friends in their hour of need. And they are still being written as missionaries in India and Free China take on added duties in this time of crisis. It has been a year of unprecedented expense for our two Foreign Mission Societies—with pressing calls on our missionaries for direct relief in the form of food and shelter—a staggering rise in the cost of living in all warring countries—as well as transportation and evacuation expenses for those missionaries who transferred to other fields, or returned home rather than submit to internment and inactivity. Communication and travel costs have doubled and tripled because of the war, and many missionaries and "nationals" who assisted them have lost all their possessions. For these reasons, over $100,000 from last year's World Emergency Fund was necessary to meet emergency expenses due to the war. The sum of $100,000 is being asked for the coming year—which will undoubtedly call for similar expenditures for wartime emergencies.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY, DR. GORDON SEAGRAVE (NOW MAJOR SEAGRAVE) REMOVES SHRAPNEL SPLINTERS FROM A SOLDIER



Christian Refugees

The American Committee for Christian Refugees is the agency through which we help Christian refugees in this country to find a useful place for themselves in American life. Last year 7,786 Christian refugees in this country were assisted in various ways. Some were advised about work and living conditions—and some needed temporary financial assistance. The Committee is in close touch with 3,453 refugees who are still overseas.

World Relief - for War Sufferers

FUNDS contributed to our World Emergency Fund for world relief are administered by our Northern Baptist World Relief Committee. This Committee does not itself spend the funds. Instead, it sits in review on the various appeals for help, and allocates the funds to chosen relief agencies who maintain administrative staffs in devastated countries.

The seven principal relief agencies through which we contributed such funds last year (listed on opposite page) are all Christian organizations and have been approved by the Church Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches. They have given positive evidence that their funds are wisely and economically administered; and that government war-time restrictions do not operate in such a way as to prevent them from sending money or supplies to Europe and Asia for the purposes outlined in their appeals.

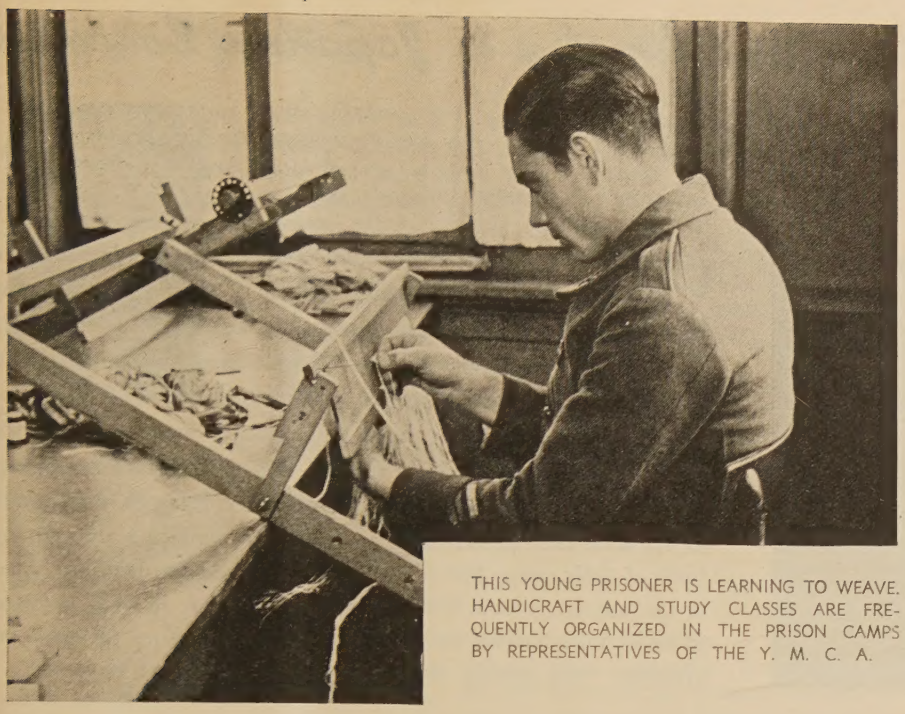
In addition to the help we gave last year to these agencies, various small appropriations were made for other relief purposes, and new appeals are being considered for inclusion this year. It is hoped that funds received will enable the World Relief Committee to give some assistance to the Church Committee for Russian Relief, and to send needed help to the suffering people of Greece.

The amount asked from last year's World Emergency Fund was $160,000 ($173,000 was actually contributed) and this year's Fund also includes $150,000 for World Relief.

In spite of the fact that America itself is now at war, we cannot fail to realize that we have suffered but little in comparison with the "bombed-out" and hungry people of Europe and Asia. To withdraw our help to them now would be the cruelest and most un-Christian sort of desertion.

China Relief

Our aid to war-torn China is given through the Church Committee for China Relief, which is one of the participating members of United China Relief. This Committee is able to send relief funds direct to Chungking where they are administered by the American Advisory Committee—an organization composed of Christian missionaries and American business and professional people. They have all lived in China for some time and understand thoroughly how to administer their relief funds wisely and well. Urgent requests have come by radio from Chungking asking the Church Committee to double its monthly remittances this year.



THIS YOUNG PRISONER IS LEARNING TO WEAVE. HANDICRAFT AND STUDY CLASSES ARE FREQUENTLY ORGANIZED IN THE PRISON CAMPS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE Y. M. C. A.

War Prisoners

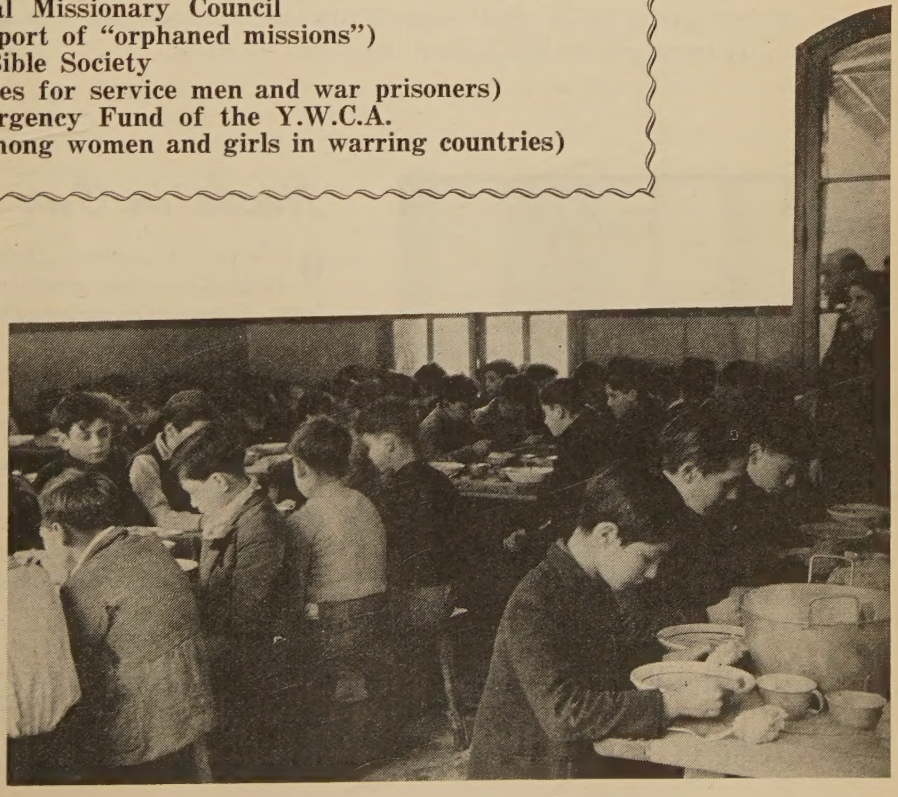
Life for the "Barbed Wire Legion" is made more bearable by the War Prisoners Aid Committee of the Y.M.C.A. This organization supplies more than 600 prison camps in warring countries with materials for handicraft work, study books, musical instruments, games, and sports equipment—so necessary to provide the imprisoned men with an interest in life and prevent the dreaded "barbed wire disease." This mental ailment manifests itself in a complete apathy and loss of ambition. Spiritual needs are also met by the War Prisoners Aid Committee, which arranges for chaplains to hold services in the camps, and supplies Bibles and Testaments for the men.

Principal Relief Agencies through which we contribute World Relief Funds:

Church Committee for China Relief
War Prisoners Aid Committee of the Y.M.C.A.
American Friends Service Committee
American Committee for Christian Refugees
International Missionary Council
(For support of "orphaned missions")
American Bible Society
(For Bibles for service men and war prisoners)
World Emergency Fund of the Y.W.C.A.
(Work among women and girls in warring countries)

Work in France

The American Friends Service Committee carries on extensive relief work in Unoccupied France, where the problem of undernourishment and privation is a serious one. Last year the Friends supplied milk for 5000 French babies and provided "school feedings" for 84,500 French children. Northern Baptists have a share in this work through their contributions to the Friends—which amounted last year to a substantial sum. They also provided funds for the support of a colony of French and refugee children.



Christian Ministry to Japanese Evacuees

THERE WERE MANY CHILDREN AMONG THE JAPANESE SENT FROM THE WEST COAST TO INLAND EVACUEE CENTERS. IT SHOULD BE OUR SPECIAL CONCERN TO SEE THAT THESE CHILDREN LIVE A NORMAL LIFE AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ABSORB AMERICAN IDEALS OF PEACE AND DEMOCRACY

CHRISTIANS have a splendid opportunity to demonstrate the sincerity of their beliefs by their attitude toward the Japanese people, who were suddenly removed from their homes and livelihoods on the West Coast and confined in camps. Baptists have a special responsibility toward these uprooted people, since they have long carried on an active work among Japanese on the West Coast. Ties of Christian friendship must not be broken, and we must do everything in our power to alleviate the hardships these people are suffering through no fault of their own. For this purpose, $50,000 has been included in the current year's World Emergency Fund. It will be used to assist missionaries and Japanese Baptist pastors to carry on Christian work among these people.

For Aged Ministers & Missionaries

THE rising cost of living has brought hardships to some of our aged ministers and missionaries who have had all too little to live on in any case. For this reason, a small percentage of last year's World Emergency Fund was made available to the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board for additional grants to particularly needy cases. A similar amount will be set aside from this year's Fund for the same purpose. A careful review has been made of the circumstances of every individual receiving a grant. Those in greater need will receive $75 extra in five checks of $15 each, spread through the year. Those in lesser need will receive $45 in three checks of $15 each. A small proportion of the money will be held to meet unforeseen situations.

Needs in Our Schools and Colleges

OUR national defense program's drain upon our young people has created a serious situation for many of our Baptist schools and colleges. Some of the endowed institutions were facing financial difficulties in any case because of declining interest rates. The decrease in enrollment due to the war produced crises that had to be dealt with immediately if some of these institutions were not to be forced to close their doors. The major part of the funds made available to the Board of Education from last year's World Emergency Fund was used to help thirteen of our schools and colleges that found themselves in the most serious difficulties. There are others that are still in urgent need of help, and these will be assisted from the $50,000 that is asked for schools and colleges out of this year's Fund.

Out of our 1942 - 1943 World Emergency Fund, the sum of $50,000 is reserved for Unforeseen Emergencies

NEWS DIGEST . . . By William Park

The China Church Relief Committee announces that three experienced missionaries have been made available for their work in Free China. Rev. Ernest N. Wampler of the Church of the Brethren, Rev. James A. Hunter of the Congregational-Christian Church and Rev. W. H. Mitchell of the United Church of Canada. Following the great battle at Changsha in Central China last January more than one million free meals were served and paid for by the China Relief Committee.

Rev. Roy E. Wiegand is the new Director of Christian Education for North and South Dakota.

Jehovah's Witnesses held fifty-three simultaneous meetings in as many cities in September. In some of them there were serious disturbances and fights, resulting in serious injuries. Some of the worst fights were at Springfield, Ill., Little Rock, Ark., and Klamath, Ore.

The National Association of Assessing Officers in their recent meeting in Chicago went on record as favoring the assessment of all church property not used exclusively for religious purposes.

The Character Builder Bible Class of Memphis, Tenn., organized in 1914 and worshipping in an $80,000 stone building which they erected, has distributed more than 11,000 Gideon Bibles since 1927.

The United States Navy Department continues to refuse to "create a separate bureau of Navy chaplains," which the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains is favoring. An appeal is being made to members of Congress in behalf of such a move.

When Dr. Ellis A. Fuller became president of the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., he is the sixth man to be president of this great institution in 84 years. He signed the doctrinal statement which has been signed by every faculty member during these 84 years.

The Presbyterian Church in the United States reports that last year was its best from the standpoint of new members, money raised, missionary work and general outreach. The net increase in new members was 27,245. They have 2,013,347 members and gave last year to all causes $44,758,104.

It is reported that more than 1,000,000 Jews have died or been killed as a result of the work of the Nazis.

There is wide-spread dissatisfaction and protest over the return of Mr. Myron C. Taylor to the Vatican as the President's special representative, which required the special cooperation of one or more of our enemy countries.

The Christian Century reports the arrest of Prof. Hendrick Kraemer of the University of Leyden, Holland, author of the famous book, "The Christian Message in a Non-Christian World." He was taken as a hostage to a concentration camp in Holland.

An organization is being formed of Protestants and their Chaplains in the military services known as a "Christian Service Men's League." It is sponsored by the International Council, the Christian Endeavor and the Federal Council.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling following an inspection of the Japanese camps on the west coast is quoted as saying, that the policy of "confining Japanese is an absolute necessity."

On the first Sunday in October Dr. Winfield Edson, pastor of the First church, Long Beach, extended the hand of fellowship to sixty-four. Rev. Leslie Eads of Nebraska has just become assistant to the pastor in this great church.

The Canadian Baptist has secured as its new editor Dr. Howard P. Whidden, former chancellor of McMaster University.

The National W.C.T.U. has furnished money to the American Red Cross for three more ambulances. The money was given by members in New York and Iowa.

The Ashland Avenue Baptist church, Lexington, Ky., claims to have had the largest vacation Bible school in the country last summer with an enrollment of 927.

A wonderful spirit of goodwill was manifested when the deaconesses of the White Temple, Portland, Ore., presented to the deaconesses of the Temple church, Los Angeles, a fine portrait of Dr. Ralph Walker. It was not long ago that Dr. Walker went from the Temple church, Los Angeles to Portland.

After more than 65 years the Swedish Methodist Conference has become a part of the general Methodist Church.

The Diamond Jubilee session of the Nebraska Baptist Convention was held at Lincoln, October 13-15. Featured on the program were Dr. W. H. Bowler, who was born 20 miles west of Lincoln; Dr. R. L. Howard and Mrs. Gustav Sword of the Foreign Mission Society; Rev. George L. Sharp, who went to Nebraska before the convention was organized; President H. E. Dana of Central Seminary and President Barrett Lowe of Sioux Falls College. The convention closed with a historical pageant, written by Rev. D. C. Coad, featuring Nebraska Baptist history for 75 years, and motion pictures of the work throughout the state.

The Maritime Baptist, Wolfville, Maritime Provinces, Canada, announces that Dr. J. H. MacDonald has retired as editor after a service of six years. Dr. George Levy is the new editor.

Church Management has just released a statement that the Federal Census reports indicate that in the Christian Science society there are 30% as many men as women; in the Church of the Latter Day Saints there are as many men as women; in the Southern Convention 76% as many men as women and in the Northern Convention the number is 46%.

Rev. F. Robert Steiger, of Kansas and Michigan, has become Director of Religious Education in Illinois. He is a graduate of Ottawa University, Central Seminary and Yale Divinity School.

The Protestant Voice reports that in Spain "public assistance goes only to those who present a note signed by a Catholic priest. A similar requirement is necessary for the purchase of drugs or pharmacies."

One thousand Methodist youth meeting at Miami University passed resolutions urging the Methodist Church not to participate in war as a church, stating that "it is the responsibility of the Christian church today to be the church."

Rev. Frantisek Simek, 60-year-old Protestant minister and his 51-year-old wife of Prague, Czechoslovakia, have been shot on a charge of "harboring persons involved in activity hostile to Germany." He is the first Protestant minister in this country to suffer death by execution.

Dr. Harold Peckham, a Negro West Indian of African descent, has been elected as the first Negro president of the London Missionary Society.

The first Negro Roman Catholic chaplain to be appointed is Rev. John W. Bowman of Lafayette, La. It is reported there are 125 Negro chaplains in the United States Army.

The oldest Baptist church in Maryland, located at Saters, celebrated its 200th anniversary this fall.

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"WHY MISSIONS IN A WORLD LIKE THIS?"

Recommendations and Findings of the Council of Northern Baptist Men held at Franklin College

In view of the recent happenings in the Far East, what grounds exist for continuing the missionary program? A second pertinent question suggested that we must concentrate first upon making our own "Christian" world more genuinely so before scattering our efforts on a world-wide scale. A third question concerned the difficulty of conducting missionary activity at long range, with very little intimate contact between missionary personnel and work as such and the local congregations. Still a fourth query concerned the problem of whether the churches could afford to continue the financial drain which continued missionary work will inevitably entail.

The discussion filled the time to overflowing at each sessions, suggesting the fact that laymen can interest themselves in missionary questions in a vital way. A brief summary of the answers to the four queries mentioned in the preceding paragraph can be given here as preliminary to the list of six findings which were approved by the Commission as a whole.

The Christian Minority

In answer to the first question, it was affirmed that the outlook for the nations of the Far East would be infinitely less hopeful lacking the contributions of the missionary effort than would otherwise be the case. Whatever of hope there is in China rests with its Christian minority; Burmese Christians were not the fifth columnists, and the faith there is firmly rooted; the influence of Christian forces in India extends far beyond the bounds of the Christian Community itself. Even in Japan, the existence of an indigenously directed Christian church is one of the few promising elements of the situation. The Christian testimony given by the missionaries will not soon be forgotten in any of these lands. Our churches in America will recognize in time an increasing debt to the religious leadership emerging from the younger churches of the Orient.

The suggestion that the work in our western Christian world should be made more genuine before deciding to continue missionary work abroad recognizes one of the primary handicaps to the expansion of the influence of the churches in foreign lands, but it creates a false dilemma. The facts of Christian history abundantly refute the assumption that the work at home can be made stronger by concentrating on it at the expense of the world outreach of the churches. The work must be continued all along the line as the expression of both our sincerity and our faith. Much is being done by Home Mission agencies in an effort to create a more genuinely Christian world at home. Regardless of what may happen in the political world, the churches cannot revert to spiritual isolationism without sacrificing disastrously the widened vision and challenge of the world task.

Closer Cooperation

The third question concerning the need for closer contact between missionary personnel and the local congregations suggests two answers. In the first place, churches should make larger use of the opportunities available for hearing missionaries on tour by contacting the State Convention headquarters. The other answer emphasized the absolute necessity of the Unified Budget approach to the problem of solicitation of missionary funds and the administration of the same. The time spent by the so-called faith missionary in soliciting support is not being spent on the field, and there can be under such a system no coordination of the program undertaken. We must have confidence in the Secretarial agencies of the denomination to administer wisely what is given to them.

Finally, missionary giving has never proved to be a financial drain or handicap to our churches. On the contrary, the church that sends its money and young people into Christian service develops a life interest which makes for growth both in material resources and in spiritual power.

Supported by Laymen

The conclusions arrived at are as follows:

1. The very character of the Gospel necessitates missionary effort. It is integral and inherent. The urge is not superimposed, but has its source in the very essence of the Christian faith. The verbal expression of the spirit of the Gospel in the great commission refers to "all the world" and to "every creature."

2. In every area of life the Gospel of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man in the saving power of faith in Jesus Christ is needed now more than ever. It is the manifold need at home and abroad that our denominational missionary program is attempting to meet in its varied efforts.

3. In view of the anti-Christian ideologies current in the world, Christian effort, rather than being toned down, should be redoubled, come what may, cost what it will.

4. The growing World Christian Fellowship calls for a new advance all along the line in missionary endeavor for the sake of the spiritual vitality of our churches at home as well as the life of the world church.

5. This work of the church was begun by *men* under the leadership of Jesus Christ himself; it can only be brought to its full fruitition when the *whole church,* including especially the laymen, make it their supreme interest.

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PARABLE OF A POOR FRIEND

C. F. BANNING

Now the prophet sat in his chair in the cool of the evening and labored long upon a problem as old as man. How with ten sheckels can a man pay a debt of fifteen sheckels. Behold a knock cometh at the door. There stood the seventh son of Eli, a man of righteousness and justice—a man who when he was reviled, reviled not again—a man who was robbed but was too virtuous to resist. Aye he was a good man, did he not admit it? Did he not confess that in other days he did give much to the poor and needy in many cities. Even now his heart ached for those in need. And did he not offer the prophet the privilege of sharing with him a half a sheckel.

Now the odor of his breath suggested that he was one who toiled not neither did he spin but tarried too long at the wine. "Why spendest thou for wine what thou doest need for bread," asked the prophet. "Thou doest wrong to misjudge me." he replied. "A friend did cheer me with wine and I love him the more for it." Then answered the prophet, "Peradventure the friend who gave thee wine to cheer thee will give thee one half sheckel to buy bread and thou wilt have cause to love him still more." And the door was shut.

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THE METHODISTS OF AMERICA are raising $2,000,000 to meet wartime emergency needs.

THE FIRST "CHURCH WEDDING" to take place among the Washoe Indians in Northern California took place recently at Dresslerville.

"WHEN SAW WE THEE AN HUNGERED?"

By Anna Canada Swain
President, Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society

Several years ago I heard Dr. John R. Mott tell of the undernourished people of the Orient, the millions who went to bed night after night actually hungry. He said it was happening when he was a young man and was still happening fifty years later.

I was much moved by his statement but it took actual seeing with my own eyes to make me realize how horrible it all was. In December 1938 I arrived on the southmost point of India and caught my first glimpse of people who had never in their lives really had enough of the right kind of foods to eat. I lay awake nights seeing their haunting reproachful eyes and when I slept I dreamed of them.

Failing Harvests

There had been no rain in South India for two or three years. The land was parched. The harvests were failing and patient brothers and sisters of ours were accepting the situation as inevitable.

If it was bad then, what must it be now as war, which can no longer be held back by any barriers, takes its toll! Rice fields are destroyed in one spot and hundred of miles away unscrupulous dealers or nations force people to pay twice, five times, ten times as much as customary for their food.

Earning capacity has been stopped by the war. There is no reserve bank account among people who have always been burdened by debt. They die.

When I was in Shanghai and Hongkong in November 1938 it was not uncommon for dead bodies to be picked up from the streets where people had huddled in doorways to sleep. Little children were hunting for food like packs of wild dogs.

The situation is infinitely worse today. Not just in the Orient now, but in Europe people with white skins are lying down and dying, no longer able to carry the burden of life.

It is strange how much more real it seems to us when people with skins like our own begin to suffer! And yet over and over again we have read Paul's words, "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth . . ." Those very words have recently been declared true by some of our greatest scientists. And yet we go on carefully separating the blood of white men from that of black men as we bend our efforts toward winning a war for democracy, for freedom, for equality.

Christian Practice

Is it not time that we began to practice what we preach. If we do, we can sense the beauty of those words: "Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, 'Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundations of the world; for I was an hungered and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in: naked and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison and ye came unto me.'"

Yes, they are hungering in Europe, in India, Burma and China, and our own missionaries and the Friends Service Committee are giving them *the meat we are buying:* They are thirsty, and cold, and miles from the pile of rubble which was once a home, *and our representatives are helping them.* Thousands of them are in prison and *we are doing our part* through the Y.M.C.A. to make life, for those on the very verge of despair, worth living again.

Because last year we raised a World Emergency Fund of $600,000 we Northern Baptists did feed and clothe and visit those in prison, in His name. But the need is even greater today. None of us could bear to hear Him say: "Inasmuch as ye did it *not* to one of these least, ye did it *not* to me."

Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, Sr., has become interim pastor of the Temple Church, Los Angeles, where he was pastor 1910-1926. Dr. Brougher is 72—something for small churches which are afraid of "an old man" to think about.

A representative of the War Production Board has predicted that following the war there will be church building, expansion and renovation program "the like of which this nation has never known."

Rev. Emil Kontz, pastor of the Lincoln Park Baptist church, Cincinnati, O., has been released by his church for a year to serve under the Northern Baptist Home Mission Society in the department of Bilingual Church and Christian Centers for a year.

The Union Avenue Baptist church, Memphis, Tenn., with 2,267 members, where Dr. J. Gilliam Highes is pastor, has just dedicated its new $175,000 house of worship.

An Eternal Partnership

There has been but one basic objective of The American Baptist Home Mission Society. Briefly stated it is:

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CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES FOR SERVICE MEN

By Coe Hayne

A deacon of one of our eastern Baptist churches starts out at midnight with a basket of sandwiches on his arm and visits the soldiers on guard duty about one of the large army camps. That his greeting is none the less cheery by reason of a good ham and cheese sandwich is not a question under dispute. Laymen in Trenton, N. J., and San Diego, California, walk the streets on a night when parties, entertainments or special services for soldiers are held at their respective churches and pass out invitations either verbally or by means of cards. First Church, Tacoma, Washington, has placed forty-eight beds in its basement for use of soldiers over Saturday night. A very nominal charge for lodging and breakfast is made. The Baptist parsonage at Kodiak, Alaska, is never closed to the men from the Naval Base. Rev. and Mrs. G. S. Morony, the resident missionaries, are able to extend hospitalities that have heartened countless homesick service men.

Miss Rose Williams has a varied program in the Boise Area that includes special ministries for service men in the city and religious services in pastorless rural churches. One half of her salary is paid by the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, one fourth from the Emergency Fund and one fourth by the First Baptist Church of Boise. One of the more recent activities of the men's group and the B. Y. P. U. in this church were the successive parties given a group of Negro soldiers.

In Saulte Ste. Marie, Michigan, through Emergency Aid, Rev. R. C. Johnson held tent meetings for soldiers during one month last summer.

For the most part the Christian ministry program for service men is carried on cooperatively by our Baptist agencies with other denominational bodies or completely under interdenominational auspices. Four special workers are entering the field to instruct churches in approved religious and recreational projects for service men.

Northern Baptists through the Emergency Fund administered by the two Home Mission Societies under the direction of Dr. M. E. Bratcher, are now extending aid to pastors and other religious workers in military camp areas in Alaska, Arizona, North California, South Carolina, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

D.D.'s For Ministers

WILLIAM A. ELLIOTT

DO KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL.

The Associated Press carried the news that when Mr. Willkie, in Russia, referred to Mr. Stalin as one who kept his eye on the ball, that the expression had to be explained to him. When explained, he recognized the compliment. We und rstand the expression, but often lapse in the doing of it.

The "ball" is the symbol of our task our chief purpose, our high mission as ministers of the glorious gospel—the thing to which we have put our hands. Do we keep that high mission ever in mind, and the supreme purpose ever in view?

With the grandstand thundering applause and a thousand admirers on the side-lines shouting his name, it is often difficult for the player to keep his eye on the ball.

There are equally distracting things in every ministers life. Many shouting his name, many expressions of admiration fill his ears, popularity has many voices, and in the main they are distracting voices; how easy it is to get one's eye on side-issues, and forget the main issue, get one's eye off of the ball.

It is a good thing for a minister to take frequent invoice of his motives, his aims, the object of all his endeavor. If he has lost sight of the ball—the main task—it is time he was taking himself in hand, and with strong supplication, and it may be with loud lamentation, get his eye re-focused on the things to which he is committeed beyond recall.

This statement strikes deep into the heart-life of us all. Have our ears been filled with the sound of the "sweet siren voices," and have they become deaf to the song of the angels? Have our eyes been filled with the "shine and shimmer" of the "swiftly passing," and become blind to the "gleam and glory" of the eternal? This is ministerial tragedy.

DON'T STAMMER ON THE VERITIES.

I am well aware that there are some things of which we know little, there are some things of which we know much. Some things in our gospel we must wait for more light, but there are some great verities of which we may be sure and about which we may speak with certainty.

In our preaching some sentences must be closed with an interrogation point, but others we may, and should, close with a period. We may be sure of them. God, and Christ, and Man and Sin, and redemption, and human suffering, and man's cry for escape from the consequences of his wrong doing, forgiveness and hope that "springs eternal in the human breast," these are verities. We can preach them with all certainty and with deepest conviction.

When I hear ministers preaching with cock-sureness the unknowables, I am more and more inclined to stick to the great verities, truths that are clearly revealed and which none can deny.

Tickling men's ears with things new and novel, appealing to men's curiosity, and love for the mysteries of revelation, mere speculation in fields which they have never compassed, may attract the crowds, but let no minister of the gospel assume, and presume, that he is preaching the "old gospel." He might well give himself to declaring the "whole gospel"—the deposit of truth in the hearts of his people might be greatly increased by so doing.

Every minister is tempted to run off into vagaries, to satisfy people who are ever clamoring for the sensational; but he will build deeper and higher in the lives of his people, if he sticks to the great themes of the gospel, on which Jesus threw the light of his own clear thinking, and which meet the deep needs of men today and in all the days. Modern prophets so often mis-fire on their prophecies, that it would seem to be the mark of wisdom to wait until the Battle of Armageddon is on before declaring with cock-sureness that Hitler is waging it. Armageddon has been fought so many times in the mind of modern prophets, that men are growing tired of the prophets. After all a true prophet is a preacher of a forth right gospel, to his day and generation.

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WOMEN OVER THE SEAS

The Annual Report of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society for 1940-41 is still available at your State Promotion Offices. While some of the material is out of date this carefully prepared report gives background information about every station where your Woman's Foreign Board has work, and will be useful to you in studying Baptist Foreign Missions. Write for your copy *today*. It is free.

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Selection No. 2

CASE WORK IN PREACHING. BY Ezra Rhoades. Revell. 159 pp. $1.25.

No dry-as-dust professor is the author of this study, but one who has had rich experience as a pastor before and after a professorship in a theological seminary. He is a New Englander, humble and wise, who desires to be helpful to young ministers rather than to win fame. He prefers to remain unknown. The treatise is prepared in an unique and fascinating manner. Former students submit their sermons to the professor for criticism. He skilfully points out flaws and imperfections in the messages. The authors are quality of indolence, carping criticism, dissipation of time and talent, highfalutiness, slovishness in speech, superficiality, dealing in generalities, riding hobbies, etc. He tells how these and other detrimental features may be abolished. Each of the twelve chapters is followed by a questionnaire for self rating. It is difficult to conceive of any minister who would not benefit by reading this provocative volume. Texts on practical theology might be better spared from his shelf than this unpretentious publication.

REVIEWS

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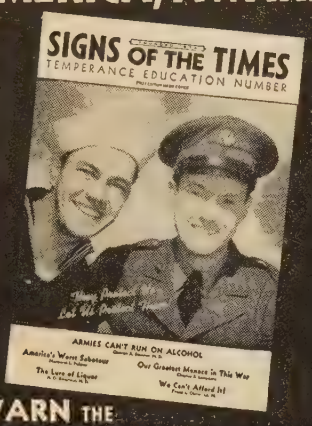
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LONG TERMS OF SERVICE

Dr. Lewis Jacobsen, who served the First church, Redlands, Calif., for nearly twenty years, has become pastor of the First church, Des Moines, Iowa. . . . Dr. Ray Freeman Jenney, for 14 years pastor of the Park Central Presbyterian church of Syracuse, N. Y., goes to the Bryn Mawr Community Church, Chicago. . . . Dr. J. M. Broady, for 30 years pastor of the Sixth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Ala., has resigned to enter the evangelistic field. . . . Dr. Norris L. Tibbetts, for 19 years co-pastor of the Hyde Park Baptist church, Chicago, has begun his services as associate pastor of the Riverside Church, New York.

And Dr. C. C. Coleman has begun his 14th year with the Grace church, Richmond, Va., the church which sent J. Lewis Shuck to China in 1835. . . . Mrs. Mattie G. Anderson, after 22 years as director of the Gleiss Memorial Christian Center, Detroit, Mich., has retired. . . . and Dr. E. B. Pace, after 15 years with the Magna, Utah, church, has retired from active service. . . . Rev. H. R. Norwood, pastor of the Baptist church, Livingston, Mont., has resigned to do additional work in the Southern Baptist Seminary. . . . Rev. Bernard G. Osterhouse, pastor of the Baptist church at Ellwood City, Pa., for 10 years has resigned and accepted a call from the First church, Royal Oak, Mich. . . .

ROYAL H. FISHER APPOINTED FOR WORK AMONG JAPANESE EVACUEES

Rev. Royal H. Fisher has been appointed by the Board of Managers of The American Baptist Home Mission Society for special work in the west among Japanese evacuees. He was graduated from Kalamazoo College, Mich., A.B., 1906, and attended Oberlin Theological Seminary, 1910-1911; Rochester Theological Seminary, 1911-1912, and Oberlin Theological Seminary, B.D., 1913. In June, 1914, he recieved his master's degree from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

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MR. WHEELER OF M & M BOARD CALLED INTO ARMY AS A CAPTAIN

Mr. S. W. Wheeler, assistant treasurer and investment secretary of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board left October 7 to become a Captain in the U. S. Army, division of procurement and transportation. He is a veteran of the First World War. At a reception given Mr. Wheeler by the Board, addresses were made by Dr. Peter C. Wright, former executive secretary, and J. H. Case, vice-president and treasurer. A beautiful military wristwatch was presented to Mr. Wheeler as a parting gift. Malcolm R. Cary and Miss Ethel B. McKay were elected assistant treasurers at a special meeting of the Board.

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DR. WALTER JUDD, MANY YEARS A PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY, now living in St. Paul, Minn., is a candidate for Congress. Rev. Henry J. Soltau, a Lutheran minister in the same city, is a candidate for the U. S. Senate.

THE NEGRO BAPTISTS OF MISSISSIPPI have as their candidate for Congress, Rev. James A. Parsons, pastor of a Baptist church in Tupelo, Miss.

INFORMATION SERVICE OF THE F.C. OF C., reports a total church membership in the U. S. of 64,156,895, of which 52,379,-97 are over 13 years of age. The total number of churches is 248,410, representing 200 religious bodies. 97.3% of the members are found in the 50 largest religious bodies.

DR. LOUIE D. NEWTON REPORTS that London University's famed Philosopher Cyril Edwin Mitchison, who 30 years ago declared himself an agnostic because he could not reconcile the existence of pain and evil with the Christian hypothesis,' has announced his acceptance of the Christian faith."

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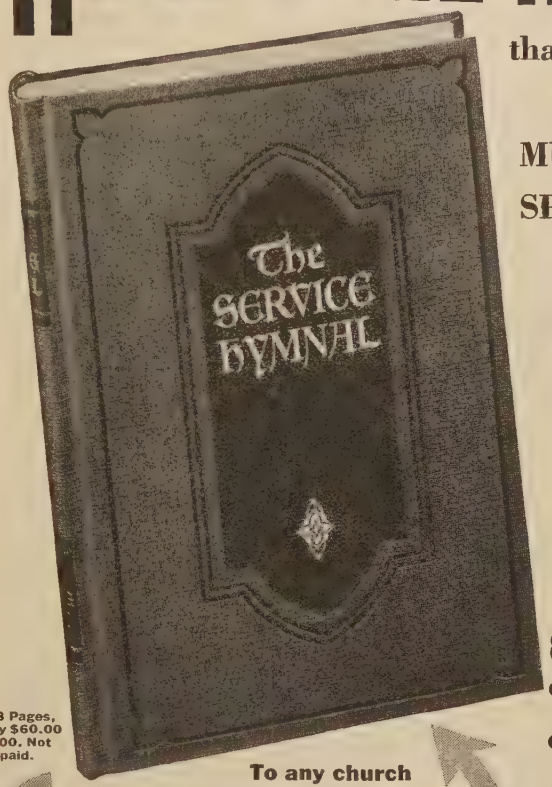

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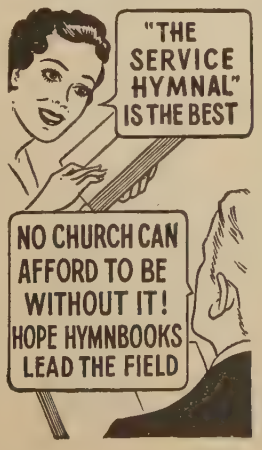

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News Digest (Continued)

SPEAKING OF MEN OF YEARS, DR. NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER, president of Columbia University, New York, for the past 41 years, has just celebrated his 80th birthday. This institution has 16,000 students and Dr. Butler announced he expected to raise at least $50,000,000 for endowment before he retires.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN CANADA reports a very serious shortage of ministers. It was also reported at the General Synod meeting in Port Arthur, Ont., by Dr. Dixon, that, "the days when the Christian missionaries in India could count upon the sympathy and cooperation of British officials must now become rapidly a thing of the past."

LIEUT. GEN. SIR WILLIAM DOBBIE, who is now in England after having gained fame as the indomitable defender of Malta, has told a Second Advent convention in London that the second coming of Christ is near at hand. During the darkest days of the Malta siege, Religious News Service reports Gen. Dobbie as having said, he was "unfailingly conscious" of the Lord's impending return.—Christian Century.

MORE THAN 100,000 CATHOLICS, REPRESENTATIVES OF 421 CATHOLIC CHURCHES in the Chicago area, led by Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch, assembled the other day in Soldier Field for their third annual Holy Hour sponsored by the Holy Name Society to pray for victory. In the processional were 1,500 clergy, 5,000 altar boys and 16 bands from Catholic high schools.

THE JOHN MILTON SOCIETY, 156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, requests the names of blind persons to whom they may send one or more of their two magazines, which are printed in Braille and sent to either adults or children free. These magazines carry a variety of material of a religious nature.

THE BIBLE AND MISSIONARY CONFERENCE HELD AT CAPE MAY, N. J., and sponsored by the Cape Island Baptist church, the New Jersey Baptist Convention and Baptist national societies was a decided success and it is expected to become an annual event.

DR. D. A. WEAVER OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY has become Dean of Baylor University at Waco, Texas.

MRS. ANNIE JENKINS SALLEE, sister of Mrs. George W. Truett, a missionary in China for 35 years, together with Miss Josephine Ward and Charles L. Culpepper, also of Texas, have returned to their homes after being held prisoners for some weeks.

THE NEW YEARBOOK OF THE CHICAGO FEDERATION OF CHURCHES reports that in the city there are 1,676 Protestant churches and 380 Catholic churches.

THE HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION paid $55,000 on its indebtedness in August, bringing the debt to a low figure of $275,000. On last February the first the debt was $550,000. Southern Baptists have 428 ministers serving as chaplains, and the committee approved 136 men in September.

REV. AND MRS. HOWARD PARRY, who have been working under the Northern Baptist Home Mission Society in Colorado for many years, have now been moved to Utah where they will be associated with Colporteur William E. Parks in the southern part of the state.

OUR REPORT IN THE LAST ISSUE OF THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST stating the attendance at the morning service of the First church, Berkeley, Calif., averaged 557 should have covered the attendance for the morning, evening and prayermeeting services.

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Mission Union Votes To Put a Missionary In District Field

The Woman's Mission Union of the District of Columbia voted at its annual meeting, held at Metropolitan Baptist Church, October 2nd, to put a missionary in the field as a part of the Society's effort to care for the missionary needs of the District.

Mrs. J. G. Yaden, was re-elected president. Other officers elected were: Mrs. O. E. Howe, honorary president; Mrs. T. E. Gilbert, first vice president; Mrs. Carlton Long, second vice president; Mrs. H. N. Hammond, third vice president; Miss Elizabeth Clark, recording secretary; Mrs. Lewis A. Jones, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Albert S. Brown, statistical secretary; Mrs. J. Day Torrey, treasurer; Mrs. Walter E. Ward, Sunbeam Crusader; Miss Frances Thatch, Columbian Girls.

Members of the Advisory Board elected were: Mrs. James G. Yaden, Mrs. O. E. Howe, Mrs. T. E. Gilbert, Mrs. Carleton Long, Mrs. H. N. Hammond, Mrs. J. O. Torrey, Miss Elizabeth Clark, Mrs. Lewis Jones, Mrs. Albert Brown, Mrs. H. A. Elmore, Mrs. C. Malcolm Scates, Mrs. Eugene G. Mason, Mrs. Donald M. Earle. Honorary member, Mrs. E. E. Richardson.

Addresses were given by Miss Mary Christian, Southwide Community Missions Chairman, Miss Christian spoke on the subject: "Influence of Letters, Great and Small." Dr. Walter O. Lewis, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance related experiences on his recent trip to England in connection with the William Carey Anniversary. Special prayer was offered for the Foreign Missionary movement and for the mission work in the District. Mrs. Will E. Ivie, president of the Metropolitan Mission Union welcomed the visitors from the various unions.

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THE BAPTISTS have opened a Baptist Divinity House at the University of Chicago.

BY ORDER OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT all church bells have been handed over for war purposes.

Robbins To Be Keynote Speaker At Annual Convention; Sermon Preached by Rev. J. P. Rodgers

Dr. Joseph T. Robbins, President
Northern Baptist Convention

Dr. Joseph T. Robbins, president of the Northern Baptist Convention, will be the keynote speaker for the annual District of Columbia Baptist Convention. Announcement of the acceptance of Dr. Robbins was made by Dr. Gove Johnson, chairman of the Program Committee.

The Convention begins Monday evening, November 16. Sessions will be held at National Memorial Baptist Church.

Following the address of Dr. Robbins, the Rev. James P. Rodgers, pastor of the Petworth Baptist Church, will preach the Convention sermon.

The Tuesday program will include an address by Dr. Walter O. Lewis, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, reports of churches, boards and institutions. Tuesday evening feature will be presented by the District Young People.

Wednesday sessions will include presentation of the work of the Woman's Mission Union and consideration of Convention business. Dr. Everett Gill, representing the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will speak Wednesday evening.

Other speakers scheduled during the Convention sessions include: Dr. Scalise, Lowell, Mass. Dr. Scalise is one of the outstanding Italian Baptist pastors and leaders of the United States; Dr. S. F. Davis will represent the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Complete program of the Convention will be distributed to the churches within the next ten days, according to Dr. Johnson.

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Dr. Samuel S. Hill, New President, Georgetown College

Georgetown College, the Senior Baptist educational institution in Kentucky, will inaugurate a new President November 1st in the person of Rev. Samuel S. Hill, Th. D., who this month resigned his pastorate of over eight years at the Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. to accept this new position. Dr. Hill, a native of Halifax County, Va., and graduate of the University of Richmond and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, comes to this post with the advantage of having served well Kentucky Baptists as President of their State Board of Missions for three years and chairman of their executive Board of their General state Association for a like period of time. The many alumni of this historic college will rejoice in the new lease on life this action brings to Georgetown.

Board Asks Dr. M. C. Stith To Reconsider And Adopts Budget of $101,500.00

Dr. M. C. Stith, recently elected Director of Promotion and Superintendent of Missions of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, has been requested to reconsider his decision not to accept the appointment.

Action was taken at a meeting of the Executive Board after hearing a recommendation from the Executive Committee at its regular meeting on Monday night, October 12th.

If Dr. Stith accepts the new proposal of the Convention he will be employed by the Convention as Director of Promotion, and will make his own arrangements with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as the Board's Mission Superintendent.

Action of the Executive Board was enthusiastic with few dissenting votes. Consideration of the whole proposal occupied about one and one half hours of debate during which time many problems connected with the proposal were cleared up. Pastors of the churches had already considered the matter at length during the day. Dr. Rufus W. Weaver made a strong plea for favorable action on the recommendation. The high regard of the Brooklyn Baptist Church for Dr. Stith was demonstrated when a delegation from that church asked that the Convention not request Dr. Stith to accept the new responsibility. The meeting was informative, and stimulating and brought out the deep and united spirit of the churches in the determination to project a program of missionary effort broad enough to adequately cope with the opportunities now offered in the District of Columbia.

The Board also adopted a budget of $101,500.00 for the next Convention year. This is $13,000.00 above the total of the current year. The raising of this extra amount will be one of the duties of the Director of Promotion. A special committee of five was named to assist in planning for an intensive campaign to secure additional funds during the year. The committee is composed of E. Hilton Jackson, W. W. Everett, E. H. DeGroot, M. C. Stith and Elgin Smith.

The Inauguration of President Fuller

Cyril E. Bryant

Dr. Ellis Adams Fuller was inaugurated Thursday, October 15, as president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. The former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga., takes his place as sixth in the line of illustrious men of faith who have headed the Seminary during its 84-year history. His predecessors in the post of high responsibility are James P. Boyce, John A. Broadus, Willliam H. Whitsitt, Edgar Y. Mullins and John R. Sampey. The new President was elected unanimously at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio last May.

Dr. Fuller's sermon was packed with expression of faith in the grace of a loving God and the unfaltering pronouncement of Baptist principles which must be preached and lived unreservedly if the world is to be won to brotherhood.

"Permanent social reforms can and will come only through spiritual regeneration, and to that end we must set our faces like flint," he told the large audience of representative Southern Baptists.

"I have neither desire nor purpose to do anything except to hold the Seminary in the straight course which my predecessors chose for it and in which they guided it. Its direction is eternally right," Dr. Fuller declared. "It shall be my prayer and purpose to see that it makes great gains in distance along its prescribed course, and that it broadens the scope of its ministry to meet the increasing demands of our growing and expanding program of Kingdom work, but always with one unfailing purpose to preach the full gospel with all its implications and all its applications."

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October Training School

This issue of the U. S. Baptist will appear during the week of the city-wide, central training school for Sunday School workers which is being held in the National Memorial Baptist church under the auspices of the Department of Christian Education of our convention so, of course, no factual statements can be included in this article on the attendance, churches represented, etc.

The interest and publicity preceding this school has been of the finest and it is hoped that readers of this brief reference to the school will plan to attend as many nights as possible if they are not already attending. This is a day when study such as is being provided in the thirteen courses of this school will be of great help to all our workers.

November Sunday School Association Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Association is to be held at Calvary Baptist Church, Monday evening, November 2nd, at 8:00, Mr. Clifford Jenkins, President of the group, has announced. Mr. Jenkins calls especial attention to the fact that these meetings are planned now for members and officers and teachers of our Sunday Schools as well as for the superintendents. Interest in these meetings is growing and they are proving a valuable source of practical information and inspiration on the various phases of Sunday School work. The regular departmental conferences will be held in the November meeting although they will be shortened to thirty minutes in order to give additional time to the inspirational period.

Mr. Richard Hoiland, Director of the Christian Education Department of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Penn., will address the entire group during the assembly period. He will speak on Sunday School work in a way that will present with new emphasis and challenge the opportunity before our churches and Sunday Schools in these days.

Each church in the D. C. Baptist convention ought to be represented well in this meeting.

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Christian Education Night

Tuesday night during our forthcoming annual meeting of the District of Columbia Baptist convention will see a part of the program given over to the new Christian Education department of our convention at which time its secretary will present the work accomplished in the four and a half months of existence of this department. A visual report, in the form of motion pictures, is being planned and brief remarks by the secretary, Rev. Gaye L. McGlothlen, will be included.

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"PRICELESS INTANGIBLES"

Sermon delivered by Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C. on "The National Radio Pulpit," Sunday, October 25th.

In Goodspeed's translation of First Thessalonians, the fifth chapter and the eighteenth verse, we read Paul's advice to the early Christians, "Thank God whatever happens." From this and other statements of his, we arrive at the conclusion that Paul was an incurable optimist. He knew how to sing at midnight while confined in a prison cell. He was constantly writing to those who had only recently embrased the Christian faith, "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice!" Amidst trying, and even paiful, circumstances he could write to his fellow Christians, "Be careful for nothing"; or to put it literally "Don't worry about anything."

Such optimism was not an accident. It was not merely an expression of the cheerful nature with which he was born. I am inclined to believe that it was largely an outgrowth of his perpetual spirit of gratitude. He who keeps the springs of thankfulness flowing in his heart is invariably an optimist. I feel sure that is one thing the Psalmist had in mind when he wrote, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." Not only is it a good thing because of what it does for God, but also because of what it does for the individual himself. It is impossible for a man to count his blessings without coming to the conclusion that the world, after all, is a much better place than it sometimes appears to be. The remembrance of God's mercies will provide us with an entirely different point of view.

Paul knew that the Thessalonian Christians had not found it easy to step out from among their former associates and relatives and become disciples of Christ, and he knew that other difficult days awaited them in the future—days that would be characterized by the loss of many precious things. He knew that some of them were already being persecuted, and that others would be, perhaps even unto death, in the days that lay before them. He was therefore remarkably wise in suggesting to them that every day should be observed with thanksgiving. He said to them in effect, "Regardless of the nature of the experiences that may come, there will always be something in your life for which to thank God. Thank God whatever happens."

It isn't easy to be a Christian anywhere today, and in some countries it is extremely difficult because of the pressure that is brought to bear on those who put God above the State, and who give their allegiance to Christ priority over all other commitments they may have made. It might seem to some of those who are being so sorely afflicted that these are hardly the days for thanksgiving. In all probability they are more inclined toward sorrow and regret. But Paul would remind these sufferers that such days provide the most appropriate occasion for gratitude, "for we know that all things work together for good to them that love God," and for the assurance that this is so we can give thanks.

Many have been seriously asking in recent years whether we in America can, in a genuinely Christian spirit, be thankful for what we have when so many millions in other lands are facing awful privation and stark tragedy. I think we can, if, as someone has said, we "recognize our responsibilities and the source from which our blessings flow." Even in this hour of national crisis and personal sacrifice, there are still many material blessings for which we should be thankful, but these are not the things concerning which I am thinking particularly this morning. In recent years we have been reminded again of the transitory nature of *things*, and we recall those words that conclude the fourth chapter of Second Corinthians, "for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." Lest we be tempted to feel sorry for ourselves and to take too seriously the loss of some things which may have appeared at the time to be essential to life at its best, let us turn to God this morning in special gratitude for some of those things which may properly be numbered among our priceless intangibles.

Corporate Guilt

For one thing, I am thankful that among men today there is a growing sense of corporate guilt for the state of the world in which we live. In past days men were inclined to condemn other individuals and nations for the tragedies that overtook the human race. In a time of war it is particularly easy to point the finger of condemnation at some one country and accuse it of being solely responsible for all the tragic things that have happened. Such an attitude seems to relieve us of any sense of guilt and we thereby take refuge in an insecure castle that is built of our own erroneous thinking. There were a great many people who indulged themselves in that kind of reasoning, or lack of reasoning, during the last war. Today, however, we see a different spirit revealing itself, and to that extent, at least, the situation is more encouraging from a spiritual point of view. Many of us are beginning to realize that our own hands are not altogether clean and that we must, if we are honest, assume our rightful share of the guilt for our troubled world. We cannot for a moment condone, indorse, or approve that which the aggressor nations are doing, nor are we at all disposed to offer an excuse for the behavior of the leaders of these nations; but we *are* quite prepared to face very frankly our own failures and mistakes, and realize that some of them may have been contributing factors in bringing about this present world tragedy.

Nearly two years ago a group of British churchmen drew up a statement in which they acknowledged their own personal responsibility, and the responsibility of their own country, for some of the influences that went into the creation of the catastrophe that has now overtaken us all. This is something new under the sun. No longer is one side in an armed conflict pictured as a monster, and the other side as the guileless lamb. To some extent, at least, we have been granted the gift to see ourselves as others see us, and this in itself constitutes a hopeful sign for the years that are ahead.

We have seen the folly of thanking God that we are not like other men, and now we are ready to say with the Publican, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner." At one time prosperous men were accustomed to look upon poor men with a certain amount of disdain, believing that such poverty was due to shiftlessness and a lack of ambition. But today there is an increasing number of prosperous men who see their own failure reflected in the failure of any one of their fellowmen. They realize that perhaps they have not done all they might have done to help make the good things of life more accessible to all those who are willing to work for them. They are beginning to see that no man's property is secure as long as his neighbor's property is insecure, and that one's own interests are best safe-guarded when he gives adequate regard to the interests of others. Prosperity is not always a sign of undisputed merit, nor is poverty necessarily a sign of neglect. There was a time when men of good character looked upon those behind prison bars with a degree of

moral superiority and were inclined to scorn them for their weakness and folly. But today, many men of good character see in other men's errors an indication of their own faults and failures. We are all bound together in the bundle of life and we are beginning to see that when individuals or nations follow some reprehensible way of life, it reflects a failure on our part to discharge to the best of our ability those spiritual and social responsibilities which God has entrusted to us. For this growing sense of corporate guilt I am profoundly thankful.

Growing Unity

Among our priceless intangibles I would also mention the growing sense of unity among Christians. In the olden days opposing camps of Christians entered into long and heated debates between themselves. Later, there followed a time of strained toleration. Then there came a period of growing friendliness; and still later, a measure of cooperation. Today I believe we are entering an era of appreciation during which we shall discover, admire, and even appropriate the good things to be found in all the churches. No longer are we rivals and competitors but workers together in the great and glorious task of establishing our Lord's kingdom in the hearts of men.

This does not mean, of course, that we are compromising our convictions or sacrificing principle for the sake of good fellowship; it means rather that we are beginning to comprehend the essential oneness that binds us together as we seek to carry out, each in his own way, our Master's commission to his disciples. It is true that we do not agree on all points, but it is equally true that we do not disagree on all points; and the things upon which we agree are far more important and significant than the things concerning which we are not in hearty accord. It would be impossible to find a local congregation in which there would be absolute doctrinal agreement. There may be a generally accepted creedal statement, but even *that* is subject to individual interpretation. These individual differences, however, do not hamper spiritual cooperation but actually strengthen it, since they provide a variety of approach and insight which enriches any undertaking.

In the Upper Room on the occasion of the institution of the Lord's Supper, there might have been found among the disciples almost every shade of theological opinion. It would have been practically impossible to have drawn up a creed that would have been wholly acceptable to them all. But there was a distinct unity which bound them together—a unity based not upon a common theology, but upon a common loyalty and devotion to Christ. I doubt very much if we shall ever achieve Christian unity upon the basis of a universally accepted creed, but without doubt a genuine unity *can* be achieved upon the basis of common loyalty and devotion to the great Saviour of us all.

I enjoy the fellowship I have with members of my own communion as much as any member of it, but if this were all the fellowship and cooperation I were permitted to have, I should be conscious of a distinct spiritual loneliness; and in this feeling I am not alone. In every communion there is an increasing number of those who hold that Christians are one people, regardless of the names by which they are called, and that this sense of oneness transcends all the barriers that man has erected in the past. For this I thank God and take courage.

Mission Enterprise

Upon our list of priceless intangibles I should also place the extent to which our Christian missionary enterprise has been spiritually strengthened during these years of warfare, in spite of the staggering material losses it has sustained. Soon after China was invaded in the summer of 1937, people began suggesting very seriously that it might be wise to discontinue, at least for a while, our Oriental missions. Now, after five years, it has been revealed that during these tragic years of suffering and death, the missionaries, by their loyalty and sacrificial spirit, have done more to win Oriental peoples to Christ than during any period of similar length in all the history of Christian missions. Even thoughtful people have asked if the missionaries did not create embarrassing diplomatic problems by refusing to leave their posts of duty when such withdrawals have been advised by diplomatic authorities. To such a question there is only one reply, viz., that far greater spiritual problems would have been created if the heralds of the Cross had fled at the approach of danger. Since the missionaries have been willing to remain with their native colleagues and suffer the privations and perils these natives have been called upon to suffer, their gospel is being given more serious consideration, and the Saviour they represent becomes increasingly appealing. The days of missionary heroism are not a part of our ancient past only; they constitute a part of our contemporary Christian history.

We certainly did not welcome the terrible era of war which is now upon us, and surely we did our utmost to prevent its approach; but as it has progressed from nation to nation, the stories of martyrdom usually associated with the early Christian era have been reenacted in our day, and again "the blood of the martyrs" has become "the seed of the churches." God's cause is not being defeated and destroyed; rather is it being tried in the furnace of opposition and persecution; and the world is being given a chance to see just how deeply rooted and unconquerable our faith really is.

Courageous missionaries who have returned home recently under compulsion rather than by their own volition, are already talking about the future and making plans to return to their stations when the way opens. How like the true spirit of Christianity! It refuses to look too long at the distressing sights which the present provides, and insists upon planning for a future that is full of hope and ultimate victory. These ambassadors of our Lord know that nothing which the war-lords of aggressor nations can do will ever enslave permanently these who have entered into that liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free. Just as Paul got up from the roadside near Lystra where he had been left for dead, and went back into that same city to preach, so the cause of Christ has frequently startled its enemies who thought *it* dead or dying, by springing to its feet and reasserting itself with greatly renewed power and influence. For this, we should constantly thank God.

Genuine Religion

I am also grateful today for the growing conviction that religion, if it is to be of any value, must be genuine and not a matter of surface appearances. As the bursting bombs on London and Cologne have revealed the quality of the buildings in those cities, even so have the terrible days in which we are living revealed the depth and sincerity of our religion. Religious stubble will no more withstand the hard and trying circumstances of this present crises than will material stubble remain intact beneath the terrific pounding of an aerial blitzkreig. A nation is not prepared to face its hour of supreme testing triumphantly, it matters not how complete its material and physical equipment may be, unless its spiritual resources are sufficient to meet the needs of its people.

We may deplore the debunking processes that have been at work in some areas of human interest in recent years, but none of us can honestly regret that such processes have put us, as Christians, on our guard. We *need* the challenge which the probing, critical minds of our day provide. It is rather essential that we should be subjected to the necessity of demonstrating whether or not our religion is sincere and true, and these experiences of frequent self-examination constitute a tremendously helpful means of attaining vital

Christianity. Many of those who have suffered nervous and mental collapse amidst the awful anxiety of this hour, are those who failed in the more peaceful days to store up within themselves those divine resources that make men able to face any emergency. Along with some conquered nations, they find themselves too late, with too little.

A well-known seminary president in the middlewest contracted a fatal disease several years ago, and when he asked the doctors to be frank with him and reveal his actual condition, they hesitated, fearing that the truth might be more than he could stand. Noticing their hesitancy, he said to them, "Gentlemen, tell me the truth. My religion is equal to that." How fortunate he was, that in his hour of greatest need, he possessed faith that was able to see him through any crisis that might come. Such spiritual undergoing and reenforcement is needed by us all, but only genuine religion is capable of providing these things.

God Holds the Key

And now, finally, among the priceless intangibles for which I am profoundly grateful this morning, is the growing assurance that God alone holds the key to the puzzling conditions of our day. We have tried so many panaceas in our efforts to solve the world's problems, and most of them have failed, until now, at last, men are beginning to see the wisdom of heeding the suggestion contained in that little book, entitled, "Why Not Try God?" He alone possesses the wisdom and foresight that is required to lead us out of our darkness into light, and we know that if we shall turn to Him in simple faith, He will, in all these things make us "more than conquerers through him that loved us."

The story is told of a little girl who had been evacuated from London to a home in the rural section of England. On her first night in the country, the lady of the house helped the child prepare for bed, and finally said to her, "My dear, if you will kneel down now, I will hear your prayers just as your mother would do at home." The child began by repeating her "Now I lay me down to sleep", and then continued, "Bless Mommy and Daddy, and protect them from the bombs"; and at last she added, "And God, do take care of yourself, because if anything should happen to you, we're sunk!" There is far more spiritual insight in that conclusion than probably appears on the surface. Today, amidst the bursting shells and the cannons' roar, we can hear that "still, small voice," saying, "This is the way; walk ye in it."

"There is a Guide who never falters,
And where He leads we cannot stray,
For step by step, He goes before us
And marks our paths; He knows the way."

Surely Paul was speaking to *us*, as well as to those early Christians, when he wrote: "Thank God whatever happens."

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Simple but helpful.

Baptist Youth Fellowship Leaders Visit Washington

In response to the call of the District Convention Secretary of Christian Education, Rev. Gaye L. McGlothlen, eighty-nine leaders from twenty-one of our churches, this number including ten of our pastors and associate pastors, met in the auditorium of the Bethany Baptist Church on the afternoon of Sunday, October 18th, for the purpose of hearing Dr. Oliver deW. Cummings, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Youth Fellowship of the Northern Baptist Convention, when he presented the goals of this new denominational work as it seeks to coordinate the activities of the Baptist youth, 15 to 25, in local Baptist churches so that their Sunday evening meetings, Sunday School classes, and Missionary groups might more effectively reach a larger number of people with a more complete range of interests.

Miss Elsie Kappen, formerly the W. W. G. leader for Northern Baptists, but now a member of the Youth Fellowship staff in charge of the missionary part of the work, by happy coincidence occasioned to be in Arlington, Va. on that week end and was also present in the meeting, speaking briefly to the group.

Promotional material relating to the Fellowship was distributed and discussed by Dr. Cummings. He concluded by elaborating upon the five-fold plan of action which the organization fosters and seeks to achieve with the youth of the local church: (1) GROW in personal Christian living, (2) HELP others to become Christians, (3) SERVE through missionary world outreach, (4) PRACTICE Christian citizenship, and (5) DEVELOP leadership. Although the Baptist Young People's Union of America has closed its work and its plan of organization, The Commission Plan, is to be restudied in the light of the need for a new organizational plan, these five goals in the proposed program are, for the present, to be achieved through whatever type of organizational scheme the local churches desire. The unified plan, whereby one set of officers will administer the program through the three divisions of youth work, may be followed; or the correlated plan may be used, whereby a youth council is set up in the local church which would include representatives from the youth Sunday School groups, the Sunday evening societies, and the missionary chapters.

A period of discussion followed this presentation in which the problems in our Washington picture were noticed, especially as they pertained to the proposal in connection with our program for a city-wide, associational training program in this field which will be representative of and include all of our churches.

As instructed by our convention, the Secretary of Christian Education is to proceed through counsel and planning with the interested groups and the churches, to study this problem looking toward the effecting of such city-wide work as soon as practicable. This meeting with Dr. Cummings did much to aid our local leaders in the understanding of what we will need to do in the light of Washington's great opportunity in this hour.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I am pleased to announce to our Baptist people throughout the South that Dr. Walter R. Alexander, for the past fourteen years pastor of the First Baptist Church, Florence, South Carolina, has been elected to and has indicated his acceptance of the position of Associate Secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Alexander will enter upon his duties with this Board on November 1, 1942. He comes to the Board after twenty years of pastoral service in South Carolina and briefer periods of service in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

Thomas J. Watts
Executive Secretary

First Baptist

If one word were to be used in making a report, that of the First Baptist Church for the past month would be "progress." This church, under the able leadership of its young pastor, Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, continues to gain in membership and in spiritual power and in the number of activities of a Christian character in which it is taking part.

During October Dr. Pruden preached a series of Sunday evening sermons, to large audiences, which are being continued through November, on various angles of our faith and belief, under the general topic "Explaining Religion to the Average Man." This series was started because of the pastor's belief that there were many people who were seeking clear and definite answers to some of the simplest and most commonly accepted principles of our Christian belief. The subjects included "Why Join a Church;" "Of What Value Is Prayer;" "How to Tell Right from Wrong;" and "What Good Is Accomplished by Foreign Missions."

The new assistant pastor in charge of Christian education, Rev. Harlan Stenger, is doing an excellent work with the young people. He is keeping in close touch and entering into all the activities of the Sunday School and the B.Y.P.U., giving them the benefit of his advice and assistance in their efforts. Since coming to the church the first of July, he has become quickly acquainted with the individual members of these various organizations, as well as with other members of the church, and he has made himself most popular by the easy, friendly manner in which he has performed his duties. In the Sunday School he has been cooperating closely with the new general superintendent, John H. Shouse, and with the other officers of that organization; and in the B.Y.P.U. with Odle Porter, director, and other union and group leaders.

The Men's Brotherhood of the church held its first dinner of the fall and winter season on Monday evening, October 26.

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Dr. H. E. Dana, President of Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, has declined an offer to become president of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La.

BETHESDA CELEBRATES EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY ON OCTOBER 11th

The Eighth Anniversary of the church was observed with appropriate exercises on Sunday, October 11. In the morning service the pastor's brief message "A Noble Heritage" called attention to the fruitfulness of sacrificial and heroic labors of the consecrated few who amidst great difficulties laid the foundations and passed on to the growing membership the challenging task of building a strong organization and a house of worship. In addition, brief reviews of the history of the church were presented by six of the members. The evening service provided occasion for ten other historical sketches each referring to some important phase of the work accomplished, and Mrs. George H. Price, choir director since 1939, presented the original quartet with which in January of that year the present choir began. The quartet, composed of Mrs. Price, Mrs. Warren W. Bailey, Walter F. Privette and Raymond S. Hart, Jr., sang the same number they had used on their first appearance, "Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet."

Special recognition was given to the continued loyal and generous support of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention (and of the former Columbia Association). The review presented by John J. H. Pool cited large contributions to the building fund on the basis of matching the congregation's funds up to $50 per week over a period of two years and ten months, further assistance making possible the purchase of a parsonage four years ago, and continued aid on pastoral support, plus a $5,000 building loan and the earlier purchase of the building site which becomes a gift to the church on final amortization of the loan. The morning congregation instructed the church clerk to convey greetings to the Convention's Executive Secretary, Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, and expression of regret at his inability to be present on account of illness.

On October 14, 1934, fourteen persons who became the first members, organized the Bethesda Baptist Church, with the Rev. Bertram M. Osgood as pastor. From that small beginning the membership has grown to 192 at present. Five of the charter members were present for the anniversary observance, Wilbur A. Bouic, Mrs. S. F. Kershner, H. G. Myers and Mrs. Myers, and Mrs. Mayme Urban.

Mr. Osgood labored indefatigably until the summer of 1935 when his death suddenly interrupted the progress of the church. He was succeeded by the Rev. Geo. W. Griffin, during whose pastorate the church was admitted into the membership of the Columbia Association, and further growth ensued. For nearly two years after his resignation, the church struggled without a pastor, holding regular services. On September 9, 1938, reorganization and incorporation as the Bethesda First Baptist Church were effected, and on October 1 of the same year the present pastorate began.

Throughout most of the early period services were held in the Masonic Hall, with further accommodation at times by local theaters for parts of the Sunday School. On June 30, 1940, ground was broken for a new structure. The present edifice, itself the first unit of a building which ultimately will include a commodious educational wing and a larger sanctuary, was occupied first December 15, 1940, and after its completion formal opening services were held January 26, 1941. Members of the church, Guy Marlow and Hugh G. Myers were the builders, with E. Burton Corning as architect. Growth of the Sunday School had as early as the spring of this year created the need for the educational wing, and it is hoped that within another year some part of that addition may be begun.

—J. Raymond Nelson

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MEMORIAL

In view of the devoted and unstinted service for eighteen years as Clerk of this Convention by our beloved, and now sainted, brother

SUMMERFIELD G. NOTTINGHAM

and his long and steadfast labors for the building up of the churches and for the accurate recording of all the reports of the churches and transactions of the Convention, and his unflagging zeal for the advancement of the Kingdom of God, at home and abroad,

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the assembled representatives of the churches, meeting as the Executive Board of this Convention, do most lovingly and gratefully express our high valuation of these years of service by our brother, whom we so loved and admired, and thank our Heavenly Father for giving him to us, and for giving to him the grace for such faithfulness and for such likeness to his Lord, from whom, being "faithful unto death," he has now received the "crown of life."

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